

Revisions in the existing Activities and amendment in the Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

1. Revisions in the Operational Guidelines

The following revisions in the operational Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) have been approved.

1.1 Open Sea Cage Culture;

- (a) To increase number of open sea cages for individual beneficiary from 5 cages to 10 cages per individual beneficiary under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component of the PMMSY.
- (b) To increase open sea cages in case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach from the current ceiling of 50 cages per group up to a ceiling of 60 cages per group at the rate of 4 cages per member of the group.

Accordingly the clause at Sl. No. 2.4 (iv) of Annexure II of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY issued on 24.6.2020 now reads as below:

"The governmental assistance is restricted to (a) a maximum of 10 cages per individual beneficiary (b) In case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach, the number of cages for governmental assistance will be limited to 4 x number of members of such group with a ceiling of 60 cages per group".

1.2 Reservoir Cage Cultivation

- (a) To increase number of reservoir cages for each individual beneficiary from 5 cages to 18 cages per individual beneficiary under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Component of the PMMSY.
- (b) To increase reservoir cages in case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach from the current ceiling of 20 cages per group up to a ceiling of 72 cages per group at the rate of 6 cages per member of the group.

Accordingly the clause at Sl. No. 5.5 (a) (v) of Annexure II of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY issued on 24.6.2020 now reads as below:

“The governmental assistance is restricted to (a) a maximum of 18 cages per individual beneficiary (b) In case of Groups of fishers and fish farmers i.e. fisher SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach, the number of cages for governmental assistance will be limited to 6 x number of members of such group with a ceiling of 72 cages per group”.

1.3 Restriction of transfer of assets created under PMMSY

- (a) To insert a suitable additional stipulation in the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY indicating that assets created either on own or lease land/water body out of the assistance provided under PMMSY shall not be disposed off in any form including by way of sale, gift, transfer and lease for a minimum period of 7 years in case of non-infrastructure projects and 10 years in case of infrastructure projects from the date of sanction of project. In case, the project beneficiary disposes off the assets created out of the assistance of PMMSY within the restricted, the beneficiary shall return the entire central financial assistance availed till that point of time along with accrued interest, if any, on the central financial assistance. In addition, penal interest @ 12% per annum on the central financial assistance shall also be charged. The entire central financial assistance, accumulated interest including penal interest shall be paid to Government of India in a lump-sum single installment.

1.4 Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of NFDB to appraise the Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher Villages (IMCFV) Proposals

- (a) The 'Para 6.1(iv) of the Operational Guidelines of PMMSY' relating to Integrated Modern Coastal Fisheries Villages (IMCFVs) as below:

"The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) of PMMSY in the NFDB will select the villages for developing as Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher villages and towards this end the PAC may seek assistance of any Agency if considered necessary. The Villages would be ranked and selected on the basis of a set of criteria formulated by PAC of NFDB to enable inter-village comparison of the potential villages".

- (b) It is also approved that the activity of Integrated Modern Coastal Fisher Villages may be implemented in a cluster mode wherever feasible, as implementation on a cluster mode is one of the key features of PMMSY.

2. Inclusion of additional activities under PMMSY

- 2.1** Inclusion of the additional activities as below have been approved for taking up under the PMMSY:

2.1.1 Extension of cage cultivation in rivers, brackish water, lakes and estuaries under centrally sponsored scheme component of PMMSY with stipulation that the cost norms prescribed for reservoir cage cultivation under PMMSY may be followed in case of establishment of cage in suitable rivers, brackish water, lakes and estuaries under PMMSY.

2.1.2 Development of fishing harbours along the rivers wherever feasible to promote the inland fishing and post harvest activities, especially inland capture fisheries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Component of the PMMSY. Development of inland fishing harbours is

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in addition to the fishing harbours that would be developed in marine sector. The cost norms approved under CSS Component of PMMSY for development of fishing harbours would be applicable both for inland and marine fishing harbours. The Operational Guidelines of PMMSY for development of marine fishing harbours would also be applicable to the inland fishing harbours to the extent relevant.

- 2.1.3 To take up river ranching under Central Sector Scheme component of the PMMSY. The proposal would be considered on a DPR basis and the river ranching may be done with native species.

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